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CHAPTER 103

# **HOUSE BILL 2427**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-822, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO REMOVAL OF A CHILD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-822, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 8-822. Removal of child from home: rules and policies;  
5 approval; definition

6 A. The department shall adopt rules and establish clear policies and  
7 procedures, where appropriate, to:

8 1. Determine the circumstances under which it is appropriate to remove  
9 a child from the custody of the child's parents, guardian or custodian.

10 2. Ensure the immediate notification of the child's parents, guardian  
11 or custodian regarding the removal of the child from home, school or child  
12 care and the timely interview of the child and the child's parent, guardian  
13 or custodian.

14 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY ITS RULES, POLICIES AND SAFETY AND RISK  
15 ASSESSMENT TOOLS UNIFORMLY ACROSS THIS STATE.

16 ~~B.~~ C. Except as provided in subsection ~~C.~~ D of this section, the  
17 department may not remove a child from the custody of the child's parents,  
18 guardian or custodian unless both of the following occur before the removal:

19 1. The child safety worker who is recommending the removal submits the  
20 reasons for removal and supporting information to the worker's supervisor.

21 2. The worker's supervisor reviews the reasons and supporting  
22 information and approves the removal.

23 ~~C.~~ D. If an emergency exists affecting the health or safety of a  
24 child, a child safety worker may remove the child before notifying the  
25 worker's supervisor. The child safety worker shall submit the reasons for  
26 removal and supporting information to the worker's supervisor for the  
27 supervisor's review and approval within two hours after the removal of the  
28 child or, if the removal occurs after regular working hours, by 8:30 a.m. the  
29 next day.

30 ~~D.~~ E. For the purposes of this section, "supervisor" includes the  
31 permanent supervisor of a child safety worker and a temporary supervisor  
32 assigned to the child safety worker in the absence of the permanent  
33 supervisor.

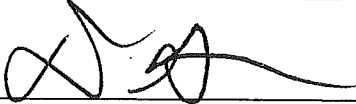
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 5, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 6, 2016.

Passed the House February 25, 2016

by the following vote: 60 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting



Speaker of the House

☐ Pro Tempore

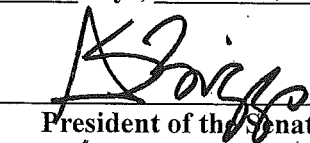


Chief Clerk of the House

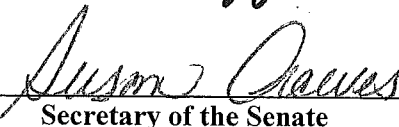
Passed the Senate March 28, 2016

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting



President of the Senate



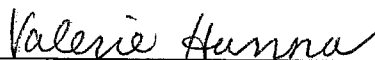
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

30 day of March, 2016

at 11 o'clock A. M.

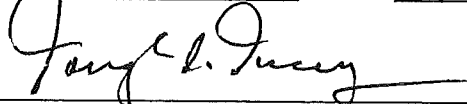


Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 5th day of

April

at 3:11 o'clock P M.



Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 6 day of April, 2016

at 8:27 o'clock A M.



Secretary of State

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